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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH SWEDISH PRIMIN PALME, HELSINKI,
JULY 30, 1975

1. SECRETARY MET FOR HALF HOUR WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON WITH SWEDISH PRIMIN PALME AND FONMIN ANDERSSON. THEY DISCUSSED PORTUGAL; ANGOLA; ISRAELI EXPULSION FROM UNGA; AND UN SPECIAL SESSION. SECRETARY AND PALME AGREED THERE WERE NO BILATERAL PROBLEMS IN OUR RELATIONS. SECRETARY ASSURED HIM OF OUR BELIEF THAT OUR RELATIONS WERE IMPROVING.

2. SECRETARY ASKED PALME'S VIEWS ON PORTUGAL. PALME SAID SOARES WAS VISITING AT END OF WEEK. PALME BELIEVED COMMUNIST PARTY WAS WEAK AND PRESENT TRIUMVIRATE COULDN'T LAST. IF IT TURNED INTO A PRAGUE (1948), IT MIGHT BE SHORT, BECAUSE SOVIETS WOULDN'T PAY ECONOMIC PRICE OF SUPPORTING IT. MORE LIKELY WOULD BE RIGHT WING REACTION AS IN CHILE. BUT SWEDEN DID NOT BELIEVE THE OUTCOME WAS FOREORDAINED. THEREFORE, SEDEN KEPT CONTACTS WITH SOCIALISTS. PALME BELIEVED DEMOCRACY HAD GRASS ROOTS SUPPORT IN PORTUGAL AND THEREFORE POTENTIAL TO SURVIVE. SOVIETS SEEMED UNCOMFORTABLE WITH SITUATION. SECRETARY FEARED LEFT WING EVOLUTION WAS MORE LIKELY, AND SOVIETS MIGHT BE DRAWN IN WHATEVER THEIR PREFERENCE.

3. SECRETARY RAISED ANGOLA. PALME EXPLAINED SWEDEN SUPPORTED MPLA BECAUSE IT SEEMED BROADEST-BASED.

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SWEDEN HAD GIVEN ABOUT \$2 MILLION IN HUMANITARIAN AID.

PALME FELT THAT LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WERE MAINLY NATIONALIST AND WERE UNHAPPY WITH ANY DEPENDENCE ON COMMUNIST FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

4. SECRETARY ASKED SWEDEN'S VIEW ON ISRAELI EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION FROM UNGA. PALME SAID SWEDEN WAS VERY FIRMLY AGAINST IT AND HE HAD ARGUED THIS STRONGLY WITH BOUMEDIENE.

5. PALME BELIEVED THAT ON ISSUES OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, DISCUSSION OF GENERAL PHILOSOPHY ACHIEVED NOTHING, BUT DISCUSSIONS OF CONCRETE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS COULD OFTEN PRODUCE SOLUTIONS. INDEXING WAS PRACTICALLY DIFFICULT SINCE WORLD WAS A MARKET ECONOMY, BUT OTHER METHODS -- BUFFER STOCKS, EARNINGS SUPPLEMENTS -- COULD BE APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERED, COMMODITY BY COMMODITY. SECRETARY SAID THAT THIS WAS EXACTLY HIS VIEW, AND US WOULD BE OFFERING CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSALS AT SPECIAL SESSION.
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